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1. In mid-July the North Korean government began to gather carpenters from various areas near Sinuiju, including Chinese and other non-Koreans. Lumber and iron were moved into this area via Antung. The purpose was to establish several ship-building installations in the Sinuiju area near the mouth of the Yalu River. Ships were needed to retake North Korean islands held by United Nations forces, and to strengthen North Korean forces guarding the coast line. Ships being built under this program were about two meters high, 25 meters long, and 3.5 meters wide, and were built of wood and partly covered with iron sheeting. By 5 August 12 such ships had been built. Engines were installed in the ships by non-Korean technicians at a pier in Yongam-po (124-22, 39-56) (XE 1721). North Korean officials hope to build 50 ships under this program. To reinforce security personnel in the area, 500 North Korean troops and one Chinese Communist guard battalion composed of Chinese student-volunteers were dispatched to the area.
2. In July 1951 North Korean navy and supply ships on the west coast of North Korea included the SEA STAR, a patrol ship which operated along the coast near Sinuiju. The SEA STAR is 38 feet long, weighs 18 tons, and with its motor of 105 horse-power runs at about 12 knots. About 30 North Korean navy personnel man the ship, which usually stays at Suun-do (124-25, 39-41) (XD 2193) but sometimes appears off Sok-do (125-00, 38-39) (XC 7479). Other North Korean vessels which carry out patrol or transportation duties along the west coast in the Sin-do (124-13, 39-48) (XE 0406), Tasa-do, and Suun-do island areas include the following:

Name	Length	Horse-power	Speed	Tonnage
TAK YANG	35 feet	75	10 knots	27
KAE YANG	45 feet	35	8 knots	13
KI TONG	38 feet	40	9 knots	16
(name unknown)	28 feet	15	4 knots	6

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